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ANOTHER DREAM COME TRUE

On January 14, 1951 the last services were held in our Congregational Church at Sixth and Laurel in Garden City. This church building, the oldest in Garden City, was completed in 1882. Shortly after the church belongings were moved out the middle of January, the building was razed and a Super Market will soon occupy the corner.

But the church goes on in a well chosen residential section of the city with the lovely new building pictured on our cover page. On May 20, this $175,000 building will be dedicated. The dedication festival will really begin on May 13 when there will be a recounting of the history of the church—and it is an interesting one. That evening there will be a church dinner. One evening during the week there will be a lecture on the free church and its contribution to the Christian conceptions. On Sunday, May 20, the formal dedication will be held with Supt. L. M. Rymph assisting.

Much credit for the fine progress of the church and the building of the new edifice is due the Rev. Marvin Brown, present pastor who served the church from 1937-1940 and returned to it in 1945 after five years in the service of his country.

A Garden City editor, in his column "Around Town" wrote preceding the move from the old building: "We happen to have a deep personal interest in that old church—an interest which was inspired by the Rev. Marvin Brown when he arrived in town back in the dirty thirties. We went to hear the fellow. Then we went again just to see if he could preach two good sermons in a row. Marvin Brown has never missed or failed to hit a 'vital' bull's eye in any of the many sermons we have heard him preach. Hence that hour on Sunday Morning is an hour we look forward to. Because Marvin Brown is, in our humble but critical opinion, one of the few real scholars we have known and a man vitally valuable to the entire community for the much good he has done. We rejoice—in fact we're downright happy and proud—that the builder has seen his personal dream of a new and modern church edifice become a reality."

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IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. E. V. Gardner, retired Congregational minister, passed away on March 7, 1951 at Eureka, at the age of eighty-six years. With his wife he had made his home in Severy for several years. He had served Congregational Churches in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska.

The Rev. Mr. Gardner was born in England and came to America when he was nineteen years of age. He spent seven years in college and seminary; graduating in 1894. In 1895 he was married to Dora Andrus. He is survived by his wife of Severy and two sons, Don of Beeville, Texas and Phil of Wichita.

Funeral services were conducted in Severy on March 10 by the Rev. Geo. E. Brown of Eureka, assisted by Supt. L. M. Rymph.

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Welcome To Topeka First, May 1, 2 and 3

The Rev. and Mrs. Jones and the people of the First Church invite you to be their guests on May 1, 2 and 3 for the 96th Annual Meeting of the State Conference. Our Moderator, the Rev. J. D. Schmidt and the Assistant Moderator, Mrs. Charles T. Brewster, will preside at the sessions.

GUEST LEADERS

Dr. David McKeith, Jr., and Dr. R. Reynolds, who were featured in our March issue, will be guest leaders. Dr. McKeith will arrive from a tour of the orient only a few days before he comes to us.

Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher
Guest Leader

Featured on the program also will be Mrs. Welthy Honsinger Fisher, World Traveler, author and educator. Few lecturers today are better qualified to analyze current happenings or forecast tomorrow's trends in China, India and the Near East. Mrs. Fisher has circled the globe seven times and has lived in China and India for many years. She was Chairman of the World Day of Prayer for the United Council of Church Women this year. She will bring two presentations to the general session and be featured at the meeting of the Women's Department. Her recent book, "Handbook for Ministers Wives" will be available at the Conference.

BOCKOVEN MEMORIAL CHAPEL DEDICATION

This will take place in the First Church Sanctuary at 8:30 on Tuesday evening, with Supt. L. M. Rymph bringing the Meditation. Mr. Leon McKusick pre-theological student of the College of Emporia will bring a message in song.

EMPHASIS ON FELLOWSHIP

Breakfasts served at the church each morning will add to the opportunities for fellowship and small group meetings. Dinner Tuesday evening will be at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the luncheon on Wednesday will be served at Central Congregational. An informal, light lunch will be served Thursday noon at the close of the conference.

SECTIONAL MEETINGS

Mrs. John W. Gibson, president will preside at the sessions of the Women's Department. Laymen's Fellowship Chairman, Mr. Gordon Jones, will lead that group. The Minister's Forum will be chaired by the Rev. O. T. Meador of Newton.

Deborah Brewster
Conference Guest

SPECIAL FEATURES

Speaking Wednesday noon on "A Year in Europe" will be Miss Debbie Brewster. Mrs. Fred O. Morns, Jr., will present a group of Folk Songs. Dinner Music Wednesday evening will be furnished by an instrumental trio: Mrs. E. E. Brayman, piano; Mr. Don Michel, violin and Mrs. Helen Rymph Santner, cello. The Woman's Gift will be dedicated at the Wednesday night service using the pageant, "Voices," by Mrs. Ralph Schrader. Mrs. F. W. Epps and Mrs. W. W. Rutter will be in charge. Dr. J. Henry Hornung will preach the Conference Sermon, using as his subject, "A Holy Place."

RESERVATIONS

First Church asks that all ministers and delegates cooperate by having their reservations in for lodging and meals not later than April 26. Send to First Congregational Church, 17th at Collins, Topeka.

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WHITE'S TO SABETHA

The middle of May the Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm White and their children, Nancy, Barbara, Vernon and Rebecca, will move into the parsonage at Sabetha. They visited Sabetha two days the week following Easter, enroute to the east coast where Mr. White has a number of speaking appointments with the American Board.

They arrived on the west coast in January after three years in China. Commissioned by the American Board in Broadway Tabernacle, New York, they went out to China in January, 1948 arriving in Peking only a few weeks before the Communists took over. They were sent to Foochow in South China where they spent more than two years working in our mission, teaching,

Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm White & Family

preaching and entertaining in their home. Their evacuation from China, a fourteen day trip, was something of an ordeal with their four small children. Four days of the trip they traveled in a rough riding truck over very rough roads, spending their nights with inadequate shelter and sanitation. Needless to say, after their two weeks' boat trip, they were happy to reach Berkely and the home of Mr. White's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Vernon White.

Malcolm White is a graduate of Harvard and Union Theological Seminary. He held pastorates and taught in several Home Missionary centers in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida. His wife, Phyllis, is a graduate of the State Teachers' College at Framingham, Mass., and taught one year at Mount Airy, Georgia before their marriage.

We are happy to welcome them to Sabetha and our Kansas Fellowship.

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A FRACTURED ARM

Nursing a broken arm since March 9 is Miss Pauline Bloomer, our Conference Associate in Christian Education. A fall on an icy walk in Wichita, resulted in a bad fracture above the wrist of her left arm; both bones were broken. She was in St. Francis Hospital for more than a week, but has been on the job in Topeka and Wichita since that time accomplishing things in spite of a sling and heavy cast.

Southeast Wichita Community Church

The Rev. Richard R. Zoppel

PASTOR CALLED

On March first the Wichita Church Extension Committee extended a call to the Rev. Richard R. Zoppel, Minister of Pastoral Relations at the United Congregational Church, Bridgeport, Conn., to become the pastor of the new Congregational Church in Southeast Wichita. Mr. Zoppel is a native of Columbus, Ohio and a graduate of Ohio State University and Andover Newton Theological School. He has done graduate work at the University of Chicago and received his S.T.M. degree in pastoral counseling from Andover Newton.

He was minister of the Mountvale Congregational Church of Woburn, Mass., for four years before joining the staff of Connecticut's largest Congregational Church at Bridgeport. He has also had pastorates in California, Illinois and Vermont.

Mrs. Rose Marian Zoppel comes from Seattle, Wash. She is a graduate of the University of Washington and Andover Newton Theological School and did graduate work at the University of Michigan. She has written worship services for Pilgrim Press and Children's Religion and was Director of Religious Education for the First Congregational Church in Stoneham, Mass.

The Zoppel's have a daughter Martha Marie, nine months of age. They arrived in Wichita March 29 and are at home temporarily in an apartment at 5014 East Funston, until possession of the property at 6000 E. Harry St., is secured.

FIRST SERVICES PALM SUNDAY

The first few weeks, services were held at the near-by Caldwell Elementary School. The Palm Sunday service was conducted by the Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson, and the Easter Service was in charge of Supt. L. M. Rymph. Mr. Leon McKusick, pre-theological student, graduating this spring from the College of Emporia, furnished special music for these services. Church School classes for all ages were well attended with leadership furnished by Fairmount and Plymouth churches. On Sunday, April 1st, Mr. Zoppel took over the leadership of the Sunday services and the parish program.

A GOOD START

Sunday, April first more than 150 were at Caldwell School to greet the new minister and his wife. Mr. Zoppel preached on "A Pearl of Great Price." An attendant writes, "A fine sermon, simple with many illustrations, well delivered." We are happy to have their request for more chairs and more hymn books.

SURVEY RESULTS

A religious census began on the afternoon of February 25 following a chuck wagon dinner at Plymouth Church. Miss Pauline Bloomer of the Conference Staff was in charge of the census, assisted by lay people of both local churches, without whose aid it could never have been made. Of the 2,100 cards assigned, 1,628 were returned with 566 of these not at home. Of the 1,072 families on which information was secured, more than 400 showed a definite interest in the new church. There were 497 children in the families contacted.

FRIENDLY VISITATION

Highlighting the whole organization of the project, was the Visitation Evangelism program March 26-29 directed by the Rev. Ira D. Black of the Board of Home Missions in New York City. He was ably assisted by thirteen Kansas ministers organized by the Rev. Elmer E. Erickson of Topeka Seabrook, Chairman of the Conference Committee on Evangelism. The ministers came from all parts of the state: Steve Jones from Downs; Duane Ogden from Osborne; Frank Worthington, Ottawa; Millard Marshall, Kinsley; Charles Brewster, Manhattan; Hans Poppe, Russell; Charles Good, Haven; Fosberg Hughes, Prairie Village; Charles Helsley, Topeka Central; Penn Chambers, Plainview; Walter Upton, Wichita Plymouth; Floyd Davidson, Wichita Council of Churches; George Fisk, Wichita Fairmount and Merle Rymph of the Conference. The period closed on Thursday night with 179 signed up as charter members of the new church and many good prospects on the follow-up list.

FOUNDERS' DAY

April 29 will be Founders' Day when about 250 are expected to become members and to sign the charter as founders. The new church home at 6000 E. Harry St., formerly part of the Lincoln estate, is already too small for the group, necessitating the holding of two identical services immediately.

SPONSORSHIP

Title to the new church property is held by the Kansas Congregational and Christian Conference. Initial costs and operating budget expense is being shared by the Kansas Conference and the Board of Home Missions. Leadership during the critical months of organization has been furnished by the Wichita church Extension Committee, made up of Mrs. John W. Gibson, Chairman, Mr. Willard Garvey, Mr. Gordon Jones, the Rev. George W. Fisk and Dr. Walter H. Upton. They have spent hours and days in planning, working and securing leadership for the various projects and activities. Thus, Our Christian World Mission has found expression in furnishing a neighborhood church for a large unchurched area in southeast Wichita.

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APPRECIATION BANQUET

The thirteenth annual Appreciation Banquet was held at Kansas City Welborn on March 8. Dr. Eric G. Haden was the speaker. A $5.00 gift of "appreciation" was presented by 261 who received the complimentary dinner and enjoyed the fellowship. Expenses of $198.30 left a net profit of $1,106.70 which was used to pay on the parsonage indebtedness. Welborn commends the idea of any church desiring a money raising project that is really a joyous occasion. Mrs. Helen Huyck writes, "For the 13th year it was a great success. Everyone buys a ticket. Those who work all day and wash dishes all night pay just like the guests who come for dinner, but it is all in appreciation of our beloved church."

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Jim Bass, President **Judith Tate, Secretary**

Nancy Hubbard, Parshad Winner

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Nancy Hubbard of Wichita Plymouth and Dave McMullen of Topeka Central were two of the six state winners in the Parshad College Scholarship Contest. The entries each wrote an essay on the theme "The Responsibility of Christian Youth in the Community." These six are eligible for the regional contest. Winner of the regional will receive an award valued at $250 per year for four years paid to the college of the winner's choice. These scholarships are made available thru the United Christian Youth Movement by Alfred H. Avery, a Christian Layman.

EASTERN RALLY

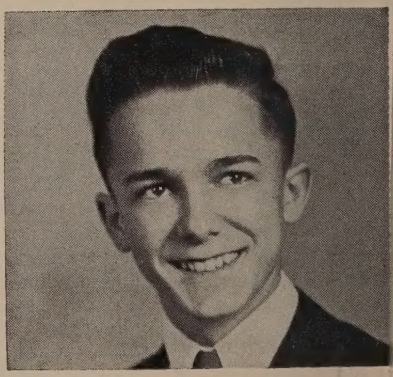
Presiding at the Eastern Rally at Kansas City Welborn on April 13 and 14 was Dave McMullen, Eastern President. The program began at 5:30 on Friday and closed at 3:30 on Saturday. Meals and over-night entertainment in homes was arranged by the local church. Much credit is due Harry Schanker, Eastern Secretary, for the planning and carrying out of the program. Features of the program included the showing of the movie, "Again Pioneers," a talk by Debbie Brewster, recently returned from Europe, a missionary skit by Manhattan and a P. F. assembly. The Rally was for Junior High's as well as Seniors.

OTHER RALLIES

We have heard faint rumors of a Southern Rally at Emporia April 6 and 7 and a Western Rally sometime in April, but as we go to press, we are unable to get the details. Come on you reporters.

REMEMBER

Senior Camp—June 3-9.
Junior Hi Camp—June 10-16.



Dave McMullen, Parshad Winner

OSBORNE WELCOMES A "D. P. FAMILY"

Mr. and Mrs. Bela Kondrath and daughter Eva

The D.P. Family for which Osborne had waited more than a year arrived January 22. The Kondrath's are Hungarians, with some knowledge of German due to six years spent in a German D.P. Camp.

Mr. Kondrath is employed in the Barber Bakery and Mrs. Kondrath, who is a dressmaker, is doing work in her own home. Eva is enrolled in first grade. The family worships regularly in our United Church at Osborne.

The church provided funds for transportation; rented an apartment for the family, gave a shower of food and linens and provided necessary furniture and furnishings. The project has proved one of satisfaction in service.

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FAMILY LIFE INSTITUTES

Preceding State Conference, Dr. Paul Reynolds will assist with nine institutes set up to assist churches in bringing about happier and more helpful relationships in their church and home programs. The institutes will be of specific interest to the Church School leaders, young adult groups as well as to families. The sessions will start at 3 each afternoon and close at 9 in the evening with a 75¢ supper served by the entertaining church. The schedule is:

Friday, April 20—Kansas City Welborn.

Sunday, April 22—Onaga.

Monday, April 23—Milford.

Tuesday, April 24—Osborne.

Wednesday, April 25—Lenora.

Thursday, April 26—Great Bend.

Friday, April 27—Wichita Fairmount.

Sunday, April 29—Partridge.

Monday, April 30—Topeka, Seabrook.

Plan to have a good representation at the Institute nearest you. Miss Bloomer and Dr. Reynolds will make the itinerary by car, carrying with them helpful books and audio-visual aids.

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PLAN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK MAY 6-13.

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NEW VISUAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Elsie Anna Wood Slides on the "Life of Christ," clear, true reproductions of these pictures famous for their artistic value, interpretation and authenticity.

"Share The Ball"—a filmstrip for children four to six years.

"Happy Times At Home"—a filmstrip emphasizing sharing in household tasks. For small children.

"Democracy Is Home Made"—filmstrip with records.

"Do You Know Your Adolescents"—filmstrip with records.

"Jiro and Hanako of Japan"—(in color). Set of slides on Japanese children suitable for use with children six to twelve.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. John W. Gibson, President

Mrs. W. W. Rutter,
Eastern Association President

MRS. RUTTER REPORTING

SALEM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
LEAVENWORTH

In the United Church at Leavenworth, the women of the Dorcas Society of the Congregational Church and the women of the Woman's Guild of the Salem Evangelical Reformed Church have established and are operating under a combined program plan that promises to be far reaching in its influence. The name of this combined group is, The Women's Guild of the Salem Congregational Church. The fifty members of the Guild meet regularly each month for a general meeting and program. This group is divided into three circles, two of which meet in the day time, and the third in the evening. The sources of finance have been pledges from the three circles, luncheons, rummage sales, food and apron sales and ice cream socials. After all earnings were accounted for and after the denominational obligations met, the group had a surplus of $800.00 which was placed in a building fund. A definite gift—on a 50-50 basis has been made to the Woman's Gift (Congregational) and to the Challenge (Evangelical Reformed). Free will offerings for the Memorial Fund and the Thank Offering are planned. Quoting Mrs. Scoville Davidson, president of The Guild, "We have proven that we can do a fine money raising job; now we want to show that we can do as well with the devotional and spiritual life of our combined church." Is that not a challenge to us all?

TOPEKA CENTRAL'S GROUP XI

Group XI, which recently celebrated its twenty-fourth birthday in Central Congregational Church, Topeka — is unique among Women's Society organizations. It is not a denominational group in membership, but includes one hundred fifty to one hundred seventy-five business and professional women who find in the inter-church fellowship the satisfaction of service and friendship. The group was founded by Ella Scott McEachron in January 1927. Her interest in each member as an individual set the pattern for the sincere and warm friendliness which is a marked characteristic of the group. "I am consumed with envy," Mrs. McEachron wrote once when out of the city, "because I can not be with you tonight, and shake hands with you across the table when the meeting is over."

The organization, centered by an unwritten but definite purpose, is loose and flexible. There is no constitution, no by-laws, no dues, no rule which requires the officers or team captains to be members of Central Church. There is however a deep and loyal devotion to the group, its leaders and the purpose of service to the church and community, and to Alice Huggins, missionary teacher in Tunghsien, near Peking, China. The first project of the group in 1927 was the gift of an illuminated bulletin board placed on the church lawn. In the years following, Group XI gave generously to the Central Church building fund, and contributed annually to the Woman's Society and a fund for kitchen equipment. Thanksgiving and Christmas collections of food, clothing and money have carried help to the community.

The most sustaining and worthwhile project has been aid for Alice Huggins. The annual "May Basket" collection in addition to the amount budgeted for that purpose, has provided buildings and student aid for Goodrich Girls School in Tunghsien. This interest and loyalty has not only been a source of financial help and inspiration to Alice Huggins, but has served to unify and strengthen Group XI. The programs following the monthly dinner are varied and include talks on travel, books, hobbies, music, religion and civic interests presented by guest speakers and musicians. Mrs. McEachron passed to her reward in the spring of 1950 and as a tribute to her and because she was especially interested in nursing—Group XI is planning a Memorial Gift of books to be placed in the library of the Vail-Stormont School of Nursing, a living MEMORIAL to a devoted and loyal sponsor.

MAPLE HILL CONGREGATIONAL

In spite of snow and ice on February 15th, Mrs. F. W. Epps met with a group of women at Maple Hill to discuss organization of a Woman's Fellowship in their church. Sincere interest was shown in this project and a "beginning" made.

KANSAS CITY WELBORN

Mrs. E. E. Erickson, Social Action Chairman for Eastern Association was guest speaker for the Women of Kansas City, Welborn on March first.

TOPEKA SEABROOK

The women of Seabrook Congregational have adopted the name, "Woman's Fellowship" for their organization, formerly known as the Seabrook Guild. This group, which averages twenty-five is very active and loyal to the women's work. Regular monthly meetings are held and the programs follow closely our Guide Book. Various money raising plans have been carried out—one among them is food service each month for Seabrook Community Men's Club. The Erickson's are being royally welcomed in this church.

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LYDIA I. WELLMAN MEMORIAL

The unveiling of the Wellman plaque at Southern Union, waited for the attendance of one of the Wellman's. Dr. Fredrick Wellman came back from Costa Rica and the program, with its many tributes, was attended by admiring friends on December 16, 1950. The plaque, which was garlanded by holly and mistletoe, was unveiled by Miss Ver VanCleave, Southern Union College librarian. It reads,

In Memory Of A Great Soul
LYDIA I. WELLMAN
1869-1948
"Pioneer On Two Continents"
Trustee and Friend

In her able description titled "Working, Singing and Venturing at Southern Union College" Mrs. Wellman had especially pleaded for a furnace. So finally, her many friends bought a good one and it was made a memorial to her. Dr. Fredrick Wellman said in accepting it for the family, "This kind of thing is warm and has life in it. She liked Southern Union because it had much the same interests she had. Here is this nice homey thing in memory of a person who was homey." Prof. Marion Newcomb said, "This is entirely as it should be—a simple plaque in connection with something entirely useful, practical, necessary—a furnace."

Past President Ross Ensminger wrote: "Mrs. Wellman delighted and surprised all of us at Southern Union by her spryness, her energy and a very youthful quality of putting into action the ideas that came to her."

Prof. and Mrs. W. Adelbert Redfield now of Doane College, characterized her, "Missionary, teacher, counselor, friend—a truly great Christian."

Miss Alice Isley wrote, "She continued from earliest childhood to bring merriment and joy and success out of difficulty."

Dr. Ross Sanderson, who is a strong friend of Southern Union through her, said of their former association in Wichita, "When I struck a snag, I was likely to think of it as a liability. To her it was an opportunity."

Mrs. May L. Flickinger planned to attend the unveiling, but it came too suddenly at the last. She said, "Service for others seemed to be her life motto."

Southern Union thanks Kansas for Lydia Wellman and invites her people to visit it and see this memorial.

TO: SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION WOMEN

I have sent the report blanks to each of the twenty-nine churches. On them I hope you will list many fine things accomplished this past year, 1950-51. A few groups never answer, some often two or three letters, most, however, return the reports promptly. Them, I love. I could not attend State Conference last year, but hope to meet many of you there this year. We always enjoy the well-planned programs, good speakers and fellowship with Congregational-Christians from over Kansas. Our Southern Association meeting in Wichita last October was well attended and most interesting. I was glad for the opportunity to speak at the women's meeting of the performance of the Passion Play which we saw on May 21 in Oberammergau. I have also spoken at Newton, Hutchinson and to several groups in Anthony. On Feb.14 I was a guest of the Pilgrim Guild at Wichita Plymouth and enjoyed being with them. Our Mr. Bonny talked to them about his interesting five months in Europe last year. I find a real thrill in the news of the new Congregational Church in Wichita. Next March I shall send out thirty report blanks instead of twenty-nine.

Mrs. Floyd O. Hayter,
Southern President.

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OUR SYMPATHY

To Mrs. John W. Gibson in the passing of Mr. Gibson on March 14. Mr. Gibson had been ill for more than two years. Previous to these years, he was active in business, church and civic life. For a period during World War II he was chairman of our Conference War Victims and Services Committee, promoting this program with sacrificial giving with vigor and enthusiasm. Memorial Services were held in Wichita on March 17 with Dr. Walter H. Upton in charge.

Neola Community Church
New Church Building

On February 25 the newly acquired property of the Neola Community Church was dedicated with Supt. L. M. Rymph assisting in the service. The old church building was sold and a modern school building, two miles west, was purchased. During Holy Week special services were held by the Rev. E. Roy Farwell, supply minister. On Easter Sunday seven members joined the church and one infant was christened. Special music by the choir accompained by the new electric organ added greatly to the service. A basket dinner was enjoyed in the church basement following the Easter Service.

DOVER

The Dover Federated Church observed Holy Week with a series of evangelistic services, beginning on Palm Sunday and closing Easter Sunday night. Rev. C. C. Browne, Director of Stewardship and Promotion of the Kansas Baptist Convention, was the preacher and Mrs. Clayton Eslinger of North Topeka led the song service and was soloist. Rev. Browne and Mrs. Eslinger make an excellent team in presenting the Gospel story in sermon and in song. Several new members were received into the fellowship of the church because of these services and the Dover Church as a whole has been strengthened and encouraged. Rev. A. A. Van Sickle has been Pastor of this rural church for about four years.

HIAWATHA

During the past three months, attendance at the regular worship services has tripled. On Palm Sunday, the sanctuary was comfortably filled. The Maundy Thursday service, with soft flood lights and candles over a rood-shaped table set for seventy-five communicants presented a picture of striking beauty for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The church was filled for the Easter Service and seven were added to the fellowship. The Rev. Chas. E. Henry is beginning his eleventh year as Pastor.

MUSCOTAH

Easter Sunday, the pastor, Charles E. Henry, received ten into the fellowship of the church on confession of faith and baptism, and two by letter. Ten infants and younger children also received baptism. This ingathering duplicates in full measure the joy of this church at each Easter for the past several years. There is talk of a remodeling project for this church.

MILFORD

The Easter Service at the Congregational Church of Milford was a very happy occasion. The church was completely filled for the service. A mixed choir of adults and young people, 25 in all, made a splendid contribution. Twelve new members were received, and four were baptized; and one infant baptism. The Rev. G. Waldo Crippen is Minister.

A MEN'S ORGANIZATION

In late February Milford organized a Men's Fellowship with Mr. Elmer Schwertzer as President; Clarence Lacer, Vice President and Frank Marcy, Secretary-Treasurer. They meet once each month for fellowship and helpful service to the church and community. A Men's Choir from the group sings at the Sunday Morning service once each month.

SMITH CENTER - ATHOL

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. A. Roberts, leaders of this yoked field report thrilling Easter services. At Athol 36 received baptism and 21 were taken into the membership of the church. At Smith Center three were baptized and four were taken into membership. Communion services were held on Maundy Thursday at Smith Center and at Athol on Good Friday. The candle lighted tables were arranged in the form of a cross.

KANSAS CITY ROSEDALE

The Rev. John A. Nansen received thirteen new members on Easter Sunday with 282 in attendance at the two services. Special musical numbers included a duet arranged by Mrs. Nansen and sung by Mrs. C. C. Ehlers and Mrs. Nansen.

WICHITA PLYMOUTH

Accessions on Palm Sunday and Good Friday totaled 132 at Plymouth Church in Wichita. On Good Friday the Chancel Choir, under the direction of Mr. Harold Clevenger presented, "The Divine Redeemer" arranged from Gounod. Attendance at the Easter services totaled 1,044. On March 28 a dinner honoring the new members was held in the church undercroft.

PRAIRIE VILLAGE

A lovely Maundy Thursday service was held and eleven new members were received. On Easter Sunday the chapel was packed for both services with a total attendance of 248. Eight infants received baptism. A Boy Scout troop has been chartered in the church. A Cub Pack of 27 boys in five dens has been active all winter. The Church School has grown to the extent that pre-school, kindergarten and first grade have double sessions; one during the 9:30 period and one at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Ira Black of New York met with the trustees on March 30 to make plans for a Fund Raising Campaign, looking forward to the building of an additional unit.

LAWRENCE PLYMOUTH

Plymouth Church, Lawrence, rejoices in the results of a friendly visitation by laymen to persons who in one way or another had expressed interest in the church. When these persons indicated that they would appreciate further information concerning church membership, a call was made by the minister, Dale Emerson Turner, who invited them to a series of three Sunday afternoon meetings. During the sessions, Mr. Turner and officials of the various church organizations interpreted the life and work of Plymouth Church, the history and mission of the Congregational-Christian Churches and the value for the individual in participation in the Christian fellowship. On Palm Sunday evening, Maundy Thursday and following the Easter Sunday morning service, new members were received, one hundred and five into full membership, seven in an associate relationship. About sixty men participated in the visitation. The church is deeply appreciative for their work and for the splendid training the new members received. To assure complete assimilation, the deacons called

on established members, assigning each a new member or family living in their immediate vicinity. On their first visit, the sponsoring family took a copy of "The Manual for Church Members" and a leaflet describing all church activities. The sponsoring families will show continued interest in the new members, striving to help them toward happy, helpful integration in the total church program.

OTTAWA

The Rev. Frank Worthington writes: "On Maundy Thursday, following the Lord's Supper by candlelight, we followed an old ceremony symbolizing the gathering darkness in the last week of Christ's ministry. As appropriate scriptures were read, the candles were all extinguished, the large white altar candle being the last. After a period of darkness and silence the altar candle was relighted to symbolize the Easter Victory and Hope."

TOPEKA CENTRAL

An Easter class of 86 new members, the second largest in the history of the church, was received by Dr. Charles W. Helsley. A beautiful rendition of the "Seven Last Words" was given by the Chancel choir on Maundy Thursday.

WHITEWATER

Maundy Thursday Communion and Good Friday services were held. At the Easter service 12 were received into membership and four infants were christened. There were 252 in attendance and an offering of $350 was received for Our Christian World Mission.

ALMENA

Union Holy Week services were held culminating with a candlelight Communion Service at the Congregational Church on Good Friday night. More than fifty young people attended an Easter sunrise service and breakfast.

WICHITA FAIRMOUNT

A total of 453 attended the two Easter services under the leadership of the Rev. George Fisk. Fifteen members were received and eleven infants were baptized.

LITTLE RIVER

The Rev. Homer W. Cox reports 15 new members at Easter and 12 children christened. The Church School is growing and a Junior High P.F. is active under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pickering.

MAPLE HILL

The Rev. Harald Wisegarver reports eleven new members on Maundy Thursday. Mr. Wisegarver assisted with the three hour service at St. Marys on Good Friday. A men's group made up of 75 men, called the "Information Club" meets once each month. Dr. Mark Karson of the Washburn University faculty spoke to them in March.

WAKEFIELD

Four special services were held during Holy Week. Six members were received at the Maundy Thursday service. Easter Sunday the choir presented the cantata "Christ Triumphant" and three infants were christened.

EDGAR WINN TO MILITARY SERVICE

The Rev. Edgar Winn of our Kansas City First Pilgrim Church, reserve Chaplain in the Air Force, was called to active duty April 10. The church voted Mr. Winn a "leave of absence" for his period in military service. A pastoral committee is busy trying to secure interim leadership for the church.

KIOWA

An active men's group meets once each month with an attendance of thirty to forty-five men. The Rev. O. E. Bonny spoke to the group recently.

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